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In re Application of

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION

Application No. 09/502,762 Filed: February 11, 2000

UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Attorney Docket No. PHLL-141

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 19, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the nonfinal Office action mailed December 19, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 19, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 1, 2003.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an "Amendment and Response"; (2) the petition fee of \$1,330; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the nonfinal Office action of December 19, 2002 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2881.

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